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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

This is the birthday anniversary of America's greatest citizen, Abraham Lincoln. It is needless to eulogize him. Nothing could be added to his greatness by so doing. We all know of his true Americanism. We call to the attention of Record readers the following advice and hope every reader will commit it to memory and put it into practice, for the good of America. It is sound advice from a great unselfish man.

"Let reverence for the law be breathed by every mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be written in primers, spelling books and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls and enforced in courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."—Abraham Lincoln.

QUITE DECISIVE

The advocates of the League of Nations arranged to take a vote in the colleges of the country, undoubtedly feeling that they represented the more enlightened, thinking class of people. In the circular letter which was sent out to the colleges, Senator Lodge's view of the case was plainly stated and Senator Hitchcock's view of Lodge and his resolutions was as plainly stated, and indirectly he made a strong plea for the League without reservations. The vote was decisive enough to satisfy anyone that the great run of people are for protecting American interests, and against tying up in a world league that threatens to nullify most of our good old constitution of the United States, which has proven a wonderful document.

The vote was taken in 413 colleges and universities, or less than three-quarters of the whole number, and was participated in by 158,078 persons, including both students and instructors, or probably about one-half of the total enrollment. Considering the strenuous efforts which were made, particularly by supporters of the Administration, to get out a full vote, so small a balloting must be regarded as betraying a deplorable lack of active interest in the matter.

The division of the vote was as follows:

Total number of ballots	158,078
For unqualified ratification	48,232
For Senator Lodge's reservations	27,970
For compromise reservations	61,494
For Senator Knox's reservations	6,449
For rejection of the Treaty	13,933

The five classes obviously fall into three groups. One consists of only the first class, the votes for ratification of the Treaty as it stands, without reservations. That secured 48,232 votes, or about 30.5 per cent of the whole. The second comprises the second, third and fourth classes, all of which voted for ratification with some sort of effective reservations. Those secured 95,913 votes, or about 60.7 per cent of the whole. The third consists of the last class, the votes for outright rejection of the Treaty. Such were 13,933, or 8.8 per cent of the whole.

Now it is also quite obvious that only the votes in the first class mentioned, for unqualified ratification, were in support of the President, and that all the others were opposed to him.

In this academic referendum he received 48,232 votes, or 30.5 per cent, while there were against him 109,846 votes, or 69.5 per cent. In other words, he was beaten by much more than a two-thirds majority.

If we omit consideration of the fifth class, opposed to any ratification we have remaining 144,145 votes in favor of ratification in some form. Of these there were in favor of the President, for unqualified, 48,232, or 33.4 per cent; while there were against the President, for some sort of effective reservations, 95,913, or 66.6 per cent. Therefore in the voting for ratification of the Treaty in some form, the President was beaten by practically a two thirds majority.

WHAT ABOUT A HOME LEAGUE?

We have been talked to, lectured, circularized, preached to, newspapered, scolded coaxed and cajoled so much in the interests of a league of nations that we really feel like starting something brand new in the way of a "Home League," to look after the interests of the United States, and to see if something can't be done to lower the high cost of living, get a proper distribution of food and fuel, head off some of the profiteering, stop Bolshevism and anarchy, teach true Americanism and preserve our good old constitution which has carried us through all sorts of troubles, but is fast falling into disrepute in the face of new and modern ideas, fads, and fancies.

While we are fiddling around with a lot of theories our Ship of State is drifting toward the rocks and the Constitution of the United States is ignored and forgotten. It is time to look the situation in the face, quit the work of destruction and do some thing constructive, in and for the United States.

A case in point is what has happened in regard to our relations with Japan, an illustration of what is occurring all the time while we drift, dream and theorize.

Something of the strides which Japan has made in the American market since the Underwood-Wilson tariff law was enacted, may be understood from the following table showing imports from that country, by calendar years, 1913-1919, inclusive:

1913	\$ 99,000,000
1914	106,000,000
1915	108,000,000
1916	182,000,000
1917	254,000,000
1918	302,000,000
1919	420,000,000

In short, imports from Japan under the policy of near-free-trade, have more than quadrupled, and the same can be said of imports from other oriental countries. While we are jangling about the League of Nations, with all eyes turned on Europe, the slant-eyed salesmen are slipping in the Pacific Coast door and displacing American-made goods with those made in the Far East. Let's give up worrying about the League of Nations and get on to the job for a home league.

It ought not to take a very big head to see that if we buy goods of Japan and other countries, they will have the money and we will have the goods, but if we buy goods of American manufacturers, we have both the money and the goods in our own country.

Certain distinguished clergymen in the east have come out openly against the deportation of the Reds, saying that we should live up to the gospel regarding the turning of the cheek. If we mistake not the Bible uses the term "brother" and gives us no advice concerning snakes, implying that man was well enough endowed with brains to use his own judgement in this respect. And—well you know what usually happens when men meet snakes.

The man who does not determine that he is going to succeed in doing something worth while is doomed to failure. Success comes as the result of persistent effort intelligently directed. What are you doing with your energy?

HILLSDALE VICTOR

College Five Defeated By Blue and White Quintet.

Playing against a team of six footers, who had their basket shooting eyes, Coach Wood's Alma College midgets were helpless Friday night and went down to a 39 to 11 defeat on the local floor before the Hillsdale College aggregation in a Michigan Intercollegiate game, that marks another step towards the rag by the undefeated Blue and White quintet.

The Alma quintet was crippled seriously for the bout by the temporary loss of Gaffney, center, and Crittenden, rated as one of the finest guards in the M. I. A. A., but in the face of this handicap, and the half dozen other considerations, which entered into the final result, the Maroon and Cream warriors put up a splendid fight against big odds, the work of Richards at center, Tebo at guard, being perhaps the finest features from the Alma standpoint. Every man on the team is deserving of considerable credit, however, as every man played a sterling game, and fought his best.

Hillsdale constantly got the jump on the tipoffs, whether at center, or on a held ball, her bunch of giants thus being able to keep the ball out of the Alma quintet for the greater part of the game. Had it not been for this, and the fact that the Blue and White warriors had their caging eyes, a different story might have been told, as the floor work of the crippled Alma five seemed to work smoother than that of the visitors when Wood's midgets had the ball, brute strength having much to do with the final outcome.

On the offense Ely, Grime and Beard featured for the visitors, the trio dropping in field baskets from any and every part of the floor.

In the first half the Alma five did not seem to pull together, and the session ended with Hillsdale leading 25 to 6. In the final frame, however, Alma put up a great defense against the tall cagers of the Blue and White holding them to fourteen points. The Alma offense, however, could not get started against Hillsdale, only five points being registered in the final frame by the Maroon and Cream.

Lineup and summary—
Alma—Pos. Hillsdale—39
Smith R. F. Ely
Boyer L. F. Grime
Richards C. Kirk
Miles R. G. Beard
Tebo L. G. Cortright
Substitutions—Howe for Boyer.
Field baskets—Ely 9, Grime 5, Beard 3, Richards 2, Smith 2. Fouls—Ely 4 out of 11, Richards 4 out of 8, Boyer 0 out of 2.

Score first half—Hillsdale 25, Alma 6.
Personal fouls—Kirk, Smith, and Richards.
Referee—Billings, Mt. Pleasant.

TO TAKE ROAD TRIP

Basketball Five Will Travel to Hillsdale and Kalamazoo.

There is apparently no hope of the Alma College basketball team breaking into the victory column in the Michigan Intercollegiate race, as Wood's midgets will battle against Hillsdale and Kalamazoo quintets on foreign floors.

The second game of the season with Hillsdale is to be played Friday night in the small Blue and White gymnasium. The Kalamazoo game Saturday night in Kalamazoo, will be the first meeting with Young's five this season.

Alma will be in better shape for these games than was the case against Hillsdale Friday night, but it is extremely doubtful if the five can be bolstered sufficiently to stop the attack of either of the teams that are to be played. Gaffney, center, and Crittenden, Alma's clever guard, who were unable to get into the Friday night game here, are expected to both be back in the Maroon and Cream lineup, and will strengthen the quintet to some extent, but even then there is little likelihood of a victory coming to Alma in either game.

Coach Young has been laying claim to the strongest five that Kalamazoo has ever had, and if this is true Kalamazoo has a great aggregation. Only last week the Orange and Black defeated Hope on the Hope floor, a team that defeated Alma here. Hillsdale's wide margin victory in the game in Alma Friday night, would seemingly preclude the basing of any hopes of coping off the Friday night game at Hillsdale.

MEMBERS CHOSEN

Four Classes Elect Representatives to New Student Council.

In accordance with article five of the constitution of the Student Council each of the classes have chosen their respective representatives.

Following is a list of the members chosen by each class:

Senior class—Melvin Vender, Charlotte Hawes, Eva Ardis and John Finlayson.

Junior class—William Richards, Esther Friedrichs and Leo Sharrar. Sophomore class—Sinclair Tebo and Beatrice Harrington.

Freshman class—Stanton Ellet.

The personnel of the Student Council will be completed with the election of one faculty member by that body.

The constitution of the council calls for at least one meeting a month with the possibility of special meetings. The regular annual election of members will take place in May when the members for the next year will be elected.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

To the people of Alma:

"Because it has an important bearing on civic welfare in Alma as well as on individual welfare in countless cases, I feel it my duty to call attention to the well-conceived plan for a 'Father and Son Week'."

"The purpose is admirable. Anything that tends to bring father and son closer together in friendly spirit can not but be beneficial to themselves and to the community."

"I believe that fathers can do more than any others to stem the great and alarming tide of 'dropping out' of school, which carries many boys out into the world unfit for progress and prosperity or public service."

"Many boys grow to manhood virtually ignorant of even the simplest processes of government. These every father can explain to his son. The son, in every case, should become better than his father, for that marks progress."

"The 'Week' that is coming will suggest many ways in which fathers may gain completely the confidence of their sons, with all that means of effective guidance and unresented control."

"I, therefore, call upon the fathers of this city and request their cooperation in this important movement by attending with their sons at least one of the meetings to be held during the 'Father and Son Week'."

I hope the men who have no sons will befriend the boys who have no fathers."
C. R. Murphy, Mayor.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Republican Congressional committee of the 8th District directs that a District convention to be held in the city of Ionia on Wednesday, April 28, 1920.

The meeting will be held in the Armory at 1:00 p. m. for the purpose of electing two delegates and two alternate delegates to attend the Republican National convention called to convene at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, June 8, 1920, in the city of Chicago, Ill., and to transact such other business as might legally come before said convention. Voters of the counties of Ionia, Montcalm, Shiawassee, Gratiot, Clinton and Saginaw please take notice.

Saginaw, Mich., January 29, 1920.
E. W. Camp, Secretary. E. N. Brady, chairman.

GUN AND FISH CLUB BANQUET

Members of the Gun and Fish club who make yearly pilgrimages to the Manistee river, where "Alma Cottage" is located, enjoyed a duck supper at the Gratiot Club Tuesday evening, where some of the plans of the 1920 season were gone over by the members.

Little need be said of Mr. Curwood's stories. He is an acknowledged authority on the life in the bleak, white wastes of the north, where he lived a part of each year. He is the only American ever hired by the Canadian Government to make exploring trips in the Canadian north. His stories teem with the life he depicts, and the filming of "Paid in Advance" has added to its brilliancy.

With Dorothy Phillip playing the part of Joan Gray, daughter of a Canadian fur trapper, who is lured to the Klondike by promises of wealth; with William Stowell playing opposite the star; with Priscilla Dean, a star in her own right, appearing in an important part in this production, nothing is lacking that will make "Paid in Advance" an epic in the world of modern pictures. Regent theatre February 19 and 20.

ELM HALL

Wm. Norton has sold his farm to Peter Story of Alma.

Mrs. Edith Ferris and Miss Carrie Bailey of Elwell spent Saturday with their aunt, Mrs. Alice Butcher.

Mrs. Chas. Smith and daughter, Bessie, were Alma callers Saturday. Geo. Andrew and family spent Sunday with his son, Arzie of Alma.

Olin Sly spent Wednesday with his sister, Mrs. Fred Bebow, of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Al LaVoy are home after spending the winter at Harris-on.

Mr. S. D. Parks has bought the house that Clarence Martin moved onto his lot last fall and has moved it over to his farm to replace the one that burned down.

Clarence Martin has bought the Webb Property in Riverdale and expects to move in the near future.

Mrs. Susan Hewes returned to her home in Edmore after spending two months with her daughter, Mrs. Jasper Norton.

Fred Bebow and wife of St. Louis spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sly.

Mrs. Jennie Blair went to Ithaca Tuesday for a short visit and then will go to Detroit to visit her daughter, Mrs. Walter Donegan.

Mrs. Rachel Joseph is entertaining her nephew, Mr. Cotton of Penn.

Wm. Conrod spent last week in Ohio.

The infant son of Pearl Sabins died Monday evening, February 9. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Hall had the misfortune to fall and break her left wrist Sunday afternoon.

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"Paid in Advance." Regent, February 19 and 20.—adv.

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Salt Pork, per lb.	20c
Picnic Hams, per lb.	19c
Home Cured Bacon Chunks, per lb.	25c
Fancy Back Bacon Chunks, per lb.	30c
Smoked Hams, whole or half, per lb.	33c
Brick Cheese, whole brick, per lb.	37c
Fancy Cream Cheese, per lb.	38c
Choice Sour Kraut, per quart	15c
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Only a limited, specified number of cars has been allotted to this territory. That allotment cannot be increased, because the demand all over the country is greater than the supply of production. Get your order in now, and you will be one of those who is sure of a Ford car out of our allotment.

It's first come—first served. All orders are filled in rotation. So, if you would be forehanded, if you would be certain of having a Ford car when you want it—then you will buy a Ford car now. A signed order with us is your protection. It is the result of the wisdom of looking ahead.

If you buy a Ford car now, don't think you have to "store" it. The Ford is a car made to serve its owner for business or pleasure throughout the entire year. Ford owners have long since come to recognize the fact. It is no longer popular to "lay-up" your car for the winter. Buy a Ford now, and use it now.

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